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Box Response  
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SUBJECT: Applicant: Cunningham et al.  
Serial No: 09/543,612  
Filed: April 5, 2000  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MEASURING THE  
MASS OF A SUBSTRATE  
Examiner: Chapman, J.  
Group: 2856  
Docket No: DR-308J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2001 in the subject application. The filing is timely given that the one month date fell on Saturday, June 30, 2001 and the foregoing documentation is being filed on July 2, 2001, the first business day following the one month date.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

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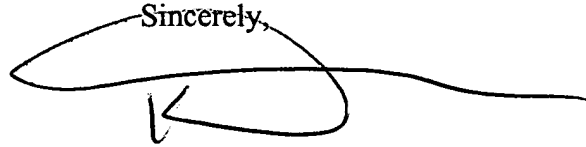
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Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop that starts under the word 'Sincerely,' and extends to the right, then loops back down and to the left, ending under the name 'Kirk Teska'.

Kirk Teska.

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